

**THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re: ALEXANDER E. JONES Debtor.	§ § § § §	Case No. 22-33553 (Chapter 7)
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**ELEVENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF
JONES MURRAY LLP AS BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL
FOR CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, CHRISTOPHER R. MURRAY,
FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Jones Murray LLP, as bankruptcy counsel for Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray
Date of Retention Order:	Order at Dkt. No. 794
Period for which Fees and Expenses are Incurred:	April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025
Interim Fees Incurred:	\$29,997.50
Interim Payment of Fees Requested (80%):	\$23,998.00
Interim Expenses Incurred:	\$0.00
Total Fees and Expenses Due:	\$23,998.00

This is the Eleventh Monthly Fee Statement.

Jones Murray LLP (“JM”), as Bankruptcy Counsel for the Chapter 7 Trustee, Christopher R. Murray (the “Trustee”), submits this Eleventh Monthly Fee Statement (the “Fee Statement”) for the period from April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025 (the “Application Period”) in accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Trustee* [Docket No. 793](the “Interim Compensation Order”).

JM requests compensation for professional services rendered in the amount of \$29,997.50 (the “Fees”), and for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the amount of \$0.00 (the “Expenses”), for the period from April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025. Eighty percent (80%) of the fees equals \$23,998.00 and one hundred percent (100%) of the Expenses equals \$0.00 for a total requested amount of \$23,998.00.

Summaries of the calculations for these fees by project category are attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. A summary of the time expended by JM attorneys and support staff, together with their respective hourly rates, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**. A summary of expenses is attached as **Exhibit 3**. JM’s invoice for the Application Period is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

WHEREFORE, JM respectfully requests payment and reimbursement in accordance with the procedures set forth in the proposed Interim Compensation Order (*i.e.*, payment of eighty percent (80%) of the compensation sought, in the amount of \$23,998.00 and reimbursement of one hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred in the amount of \$0.00 for a total amount of \$23,998.00.

Dated: May 13, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This will certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was forwarded by electronic transmission to all registered ECF users appearing in the case on May 13, 2025.

/s/ Erin E. Jones

Erin E. Jones

EXHIBIT 1**SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees Requested
Asset Analysis and Recovery	9.3	\$7,207.50
Asset Disposition	1.3	\$1,007.50
Assumption/Rejection of Leases and Contracts	1.6	\$1,240.00
Case Administration	0.8	\$620.00
Claims Administration and Objections	1.3	\$1,007.50
Fee/Employment Applications	2.1	\$1,627.50
Other Contested Matters	22.8	\$17,287.50
	39.2	\$29,997.50

EXHIBIT 2

SUMMARY OF TIME EXPENDED BY BILLING PROFESSIONALS

Professional	Hourly Rate	Total Hours
Erin E. Jones, <i>Partner</i>	\$775.00	37.7
Jacqueline Q. Chiba, <i>Associate</i>	\$520.00	1.5
		39.2

EXHIBIT 3

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Expense Category	Cost
None During Billing Period	\$0.00
	\$0.00








EXHIBIT 4

PRE-BILL/INVOICE

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Date	Type	Description	Matter	User	Qty	Rate (\$)	Non-billable (\$)	Billable (\$)
04/02/2025		Other Contested Matters: Conference with C. Murray regarding stipulation regarding remand and related issues (.4)  Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.40h	\$775.00	-	\$310.00
04/03/2025		Other Contested Matters: Conference with C. Murray, M. Dearman, and J. Wolfshohl regarding stipulation regarding remand and related issues and pending litigation involving CT and TX families (.2)  Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.20h	\$775.00	-	\$155.00
04/08/2025		Other Contested Matters: Conference with C. Murray regarding conference with B. Schleizer regarding various non- exempt assets, including S. Austin house, watches, vehicles, and FSS related/connected issues (.5); further conference with C. Murray regarding various bank account matters, reporting and pending litigation (.4); review CT response to motion to intervene by attorney Robert Wyn Young and discuss same with C. Murray regarding no need for separate response (.5)  Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	1.40h	\$775.00	-	\$1,085.00
04/09/2025		Claims Administration and Objections: Review Connecticut Supreme Court opinion affirming Ct. Court of Appeals decision (.6);	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	1.30h	\$775.00	-	\$1,007.50
					39.20h		\$0.00 0.00h	\$29,997.50 39.20h

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Date	Type	Description	Matter	User	Qty	Rate (\$)	Non-billable (\$)	Billable (\$)
		review and respond to various emails with Trustee legal team regarding same (.2); conference with C. Murray and conduct brief legal research on deadlines for additional appeals anticipated to be filed by debtor and co-judgment debtor to understand potential for impact or lack of impact on administration of chapter 7 bankruptcy case (.5) ● Unbilled						
04/09/2025	🕒	Assumption/Rejection of Leases and Contracts: Extended conference/work session with M. Dearman regarding executory contracts and related administration matters (.5); correspond with Trustee legal team regarding same (.1); conference with C. Murray regarding same (.3) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.90h	\$775.00	-	\$697.50
04/09/2025	🕒	Other Contested Matters: Conference with C. Murray regarding stipulation regarding remand and status of pending litigation (.1) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.10h	\$775.00	-	\$77.50
04/09/2025	🕒	Assumption/Rejection of Leases and Contracts: Review and respond to various emails with M. Dearman regarding assumption/rejection of contracts (.4)	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.40h	\$775.00	-	\$310.00
					39.20h		\$0.00 0.00h	\$29,997.50 39.20h

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		● Unbilled						
04/09/2025	🕒	Other Contested Matters: Review and respond to various emails with M. Dearman and C. Murray regarding San Luis v. FSS matter with Pattis and status of same (.1)	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.10h	\$775.00	-	\$77.50
		● Unbilled						
04/10/2025	🕒	Case Administration: Weekly Trustee team meeting with J. Stevens, C. Murray, J. Wolfshohl, and M. Dearman to discuss status of on-going projects/matters (.8)	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.80h	\$775.00	-	\$620.00
		● Unbilled						
04/10/2025	🕒	Fee/Employment Applications: Draft, edit, and revise 10th monthly interim fee statement (1.3); conference with C. Murray to review same for approval (.3); finalize same for filing (.2); review other professionals' fee statements and discuss same with C. Murray (.2)	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	2.00h	\$775.00	-	\$1,550.00
		● Unbilled						
04/10/2025	🕒	Asset Analysis and Recovery: Continue to review non-exempt assets for recovery and litigation claims (1.2)	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	1.20h	\$775.00	-	\$930.00
		● Unbilled						
04/10/2025	🕒	Asset Analysis and Recovery: Review book contracts regarding executory portions, if any, and	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	5.90h	\$775.00	-	\$4,572.50
					39.20h		\$0.00	\$29,997.50
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		property rights issues associated with same (1.3); legal research regarding same (.4); review sales reports and reconciliations and review various emails relating to same (.5); begin analysis of prior sales periods sales/royalty reconciliations for both books (.6) and identify additional information needed for same from debtor, publisher and agent (.3); draft lengthy email to agent J. Maghuul regarding reports needed relating to book sales and previous royalty payments (4); draft lengthy email to S. Jordan and B. Schleizer regarding documents needed from debtor regarding previous payments received from book sales (.4); review B. Schleizer response to same and respond to same and S. Jordan (.1); legal research regarding various types of IP and other property rights assigned under book contracts (1.1); conference with C. Murray regarding same (.5); draft email to Trustee legal team summarizing various issues relating to book contracts (.3)						
		● Unbilled						
04/11/2025	🕒	Assumption/Rejection of Leases and Contracts: Correspond with M. Dearman regarding executory contracts (.3)	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.30h	\$775.00	-	\$232.50
		● Unbilled						
					39.20h		\$0.00	\$29,997.50
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04/14/2025		Other Contested Matters: Continue to work through issues concerning remand of removed litigation and conference with C. Murray regarding same (.3)  Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.30h	\$775.00	-	\$232.50
04/15/2025		Other Contested Matters: Draft, edit, revise stipulation regarding remand of removed actions (1.4); circulate internally and revise per comments received from Trustee legal team (.2); conference with C. Murray and J. Wolfshohl regarding same (.5)  Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	2.10h	\$775.00	-	\$1,627.50
04/18/2025		Other Contested Matters: Various conferences with C. Murray regarding CT/TX claims, status of pending litigation, and stipulation regarding remand (1.0)  Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	1.00h	\$775.00	-	\$775.00
04/22/2025		Other Contested Matters: Review stipulation regarding remand and conference with C. Murray regarding same and withdrawal of opposition and various questions regarding impact of other related administration issues (.4); conference with J. Wolfshohl regarding stipulation regarding remand and withdrawal of opposition (.4); further conference with C. Murray regarding	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	1.10h	\$775.00	-	\$852.50
					39.20h		\$0.00 0.00h	\$29,997.50 39.20h

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		withdrawal of remand opposition, abandonment and other matters regarding conflicting orders of state court (.3) ● Unbilled						
04/23/2025	🕒	Fee/Employment Applications: Email C. Murray regarding status of various pending fee notices of estate professionals (.1) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.10h	\$775.00	-	\$77.50
04/23/2025	🕒	Asset Disposition: Review and provide comments to draft notice of abandonment, including review of docket relating to same (.9); conference with C. Murray to discuss scope of same (.4) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	1.30h	\$775.00	-	\$1,007.50
04/23/2025	🕒	Asset Analysis and Recovery: Conference with C. Murray regarding personal assets, including issues with South Austin house and payments relating to same (.3); review forwarded email from B. Schleizer to C. Murray regarding same (.1); discuss sale and stay related issues with C. Murray regarding same (.3) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.70h	\$775.00	-	\$542.50
04/23/2025	🕒	Other Contested Matters: Revise stipulation regarding remand and circulate internally with Trustee legal team for review and	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.50h	\$775.00	-	\$387.50
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		discussion (.3); conference with C. Murray regarding same (.2) ● Unbilled						
04/23/2025	🕒	Other Contested Matters: Work session with C. Murray to discuss various options and pathways for Court to determine appropriate resolution including remand of removed actions, abandonment of various assets/interests, motion regarding cash and cash accounts (1.0); email to C. Murray summarizing same (.2); Review docket, including orders and transcripts for various hearings and summarize relevant excerpts and conference with C. Murray regarding same (.9) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	2.10h	\$775.00	-	\$1,627.50
04/24/2025	🕒	Other Contested Matters: Evaluate jurisdictional issues relating to state court enforcement in light of various orders and assigned lien (1.2); conference with C. Murray regarding same (.2); conference with C. Murray, J. Wolfshohl, and M. Dearman regarding remand issues, dismissal of appeal, various revisions for same, abandonment of assets (.8) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	2.20h	\$775.00	-	\$1,705.00
04/25/2025	🕒	Other Contested Matters: Legal research regarding standing to	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee	Jacqueline Chiba	1.50h	\$520.00	-	\$780.00
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		object, participate, be heard in various contested matters and related proceedings (1.0); draft email summarizing same for E. Jones (.5) ● Unbilled	In re Alexander E. Jones					
04/25/2025	🕒	Other Contested Matters: Conference with C. Murray regarding stay issues relative to remand of removed proceedings and primacy issues relative to property of the estate (.5); draft revisions to stipulation regarding remand of proceedings and circulate for review and comments (.2); review and respond to J. Martin regarding availability to discuss a stipulation regarding remand (.1); review memorandum email from J. Chiba regarding standing (.2) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	1.00h	\$775.00	-	\$775.00
04/28/2025	🕒	Other Contested Matters: Various messages with Trustee legal team regarding remand of removed proceedings and status of agreement on a stipulation, moving forward with abandonment and comments to draft previously circulated (.7); review and respond to various emails with M. Dearman regarding motion to abandon and review emails regarding same (.2) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.90h	\$775.00	-	\$697.50
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04/28/2025		Other Contested Matters: Review lengthy "motion for reconsideration" filed by A. Jones (.6); identify and review documents/pleadings relating to allegations made by A. Jones in pleading (.3); begin to summarize issues relating to same (.6); conference with C. Murray regarding same (.2)	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	1.70h	\$775.00	-	\$1,317.50
		 Unbilled						
04/29/2025		Other Contested Matters: Conference with C. Murray regarding motion to reconsider and any response to same (.6); conference with C. Murray regarding drafted notices/motions regarding abandonment and how to address same (.3)	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.90h	\$775.00	-	\$697.50
		 Unbilled						
04/29/2025		Asset Analysis and Recovery: Conference with C. Murray regarding Shellpoint issues and messages from B. Schelizer regarding same and impact on sale of South Austin home (.3)	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.30h	\$775.00	-	\$232.50
		 Unbilled						
04/29/2025		Other Contested Matters: Review email from J. Martin regarding setting meeting to discuss remand of removed proceedings (.1); various emails with C. Murray, J. Wolfshohl and M. Dearman	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.50h	\$775.00	-	\$387.50
					39.20h		\$0.00	\$29,997.50
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		<p>regarding same and setting meeting for trustee legal team meeting to discuss same (.1); review order of Judge Eskridge authorizing intervention of CT to pending appeal (.1); review and respond to J. Martin email regarding extension of appellate briefing deadline and conference with C. Murray regarding same (.1); review and approve draft stipulation regarding same (.1)</p> <p>● Unbilled</p>						
04/29/2025	🕒	<p>Asset Analysis and Recovery: Draft email to S. Jordan and B. Schleizer regarding status of documents/ records requested regarding book contracts and previous royalty payments and status of sending records promised (.1)</p> <p>● Unbilled</p>	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.10h	\$775.00	-	\$77.50
04/30/2025	🕒	<p>Other Contested Matters: Prepare for (.2) and participate in Trustee legal team call regarding status hearing setting and preparation of status report for same and claims/ causes of action (.5)</p> <p>● Unbilled</p>	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.70h	\$775.00	-	\$542.50
04/30/2025	🕒	<p>Asset Analysis and Recovery: Prepare for call with team regarding claims/causes of action (.4); forward various emails to</p>	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	1.10h	\$775.00	-	\$852.50
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		Trustee legal team regarding same (.1); conference with Trustee legal team regarding potential claims/causes of action (.6) ● Unbilled						
04/30/2025	🕒	Other Contested Matters: Review and respond to various emails with CT and TX families' attorneys regarding stipulation to extend appellate briefing deadlines (.1) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	0.10h	\$775.00	-	\$77.50
04/30/2025	🕒	Other Contested Matters: Conference with C. Murray regarding issues to cover in status report in preparation for status hearing and start drafting same (1.0) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	1.00h	\$775.00	-	\$775.00
04/30/2025	🕒	Other Contested Matters: Review litigation documents, internal memos, supporting documentation and forward same to Trustee legal team (3.0) ● Unbilled	00040-Christopher Murray, Chapter 7 Trustee In re Alexander E. Jones	Erin Jones	3.00h	\$775.00	-	\$2,325.00
					39.20h		\$0.00 0.00h	\$29,997.50 39.20h